

# SOFIA Program SE&I Lessons Learned

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# **SOFIA**

Stratospheric Observatory  
for Infrared Astronomy

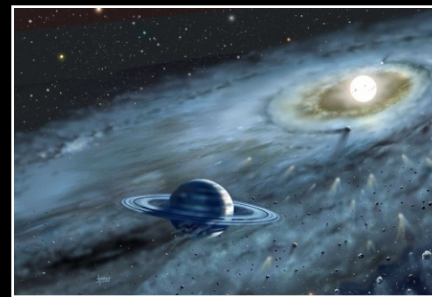
**Interstellar Medium**



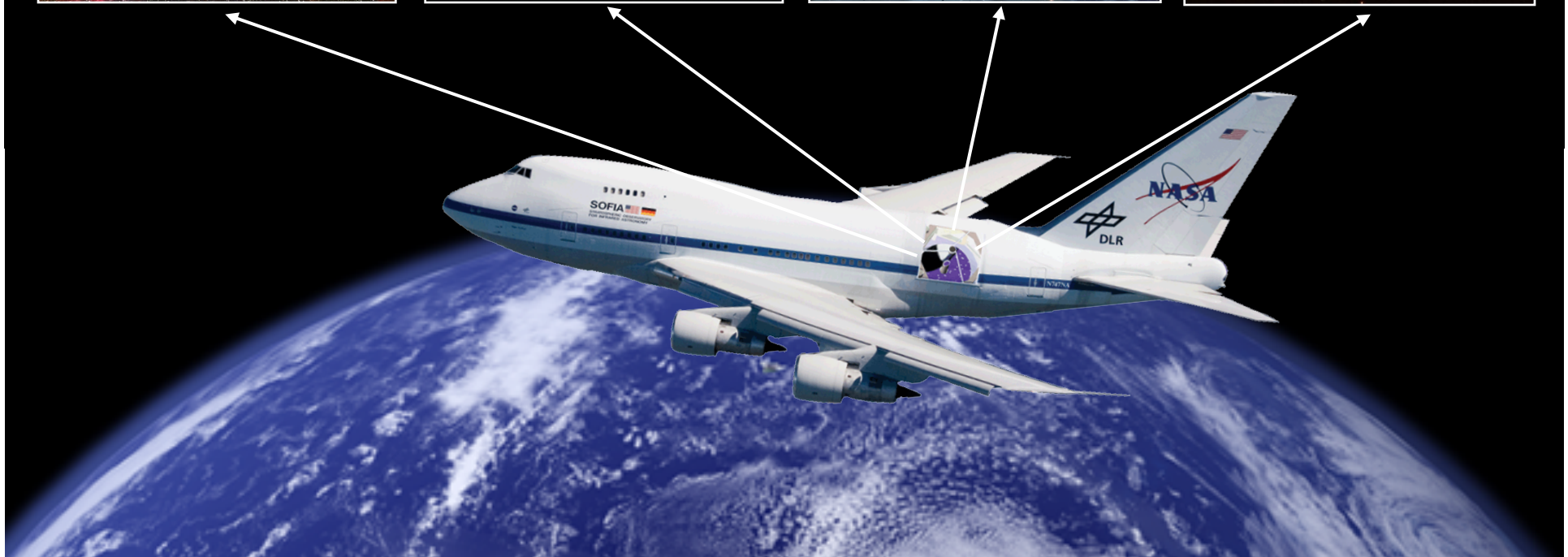
**Planetary Science**



**Formation of Stars  
and Planets**



**Galaxies and the  
Galactic Center**





**The **purpose** of this presentation is to describe the Systems Engineering solutions applied in the middle of the “troubled” SOFIA Program that helped it become successful**



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## Background

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# Why SOFIA?



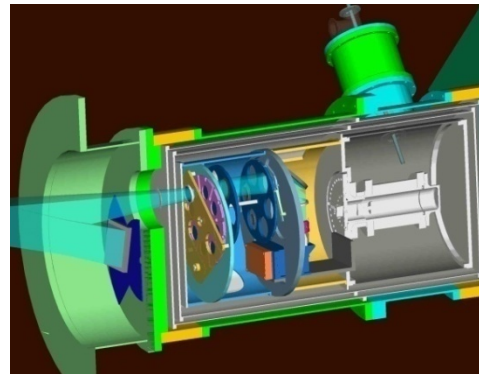
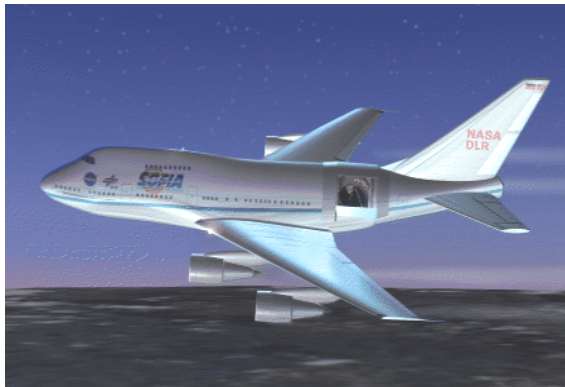
- SOFIA is the largest portable telescope in the world
  - 2.5-meter (100-inch) telescope in a Boeing 747SP
- SOFIA is reconfigurable and highly flexible
  - Every SOFIA flight series is comparable to a Hubble reservicing mission
    - Science instruments can be routinely changed and upgraded
  - Able to quickly respond to all astronomical events
- SOFIA will exceed the performance of ground-based Infrared Telescopes
  - Flies above 99.9% of the water vapor
- SOFIA is designed to be productive
  - 140 eight-hour research flights per year; 20 year lifetime
- SOFIA cost much less than space-based observatories



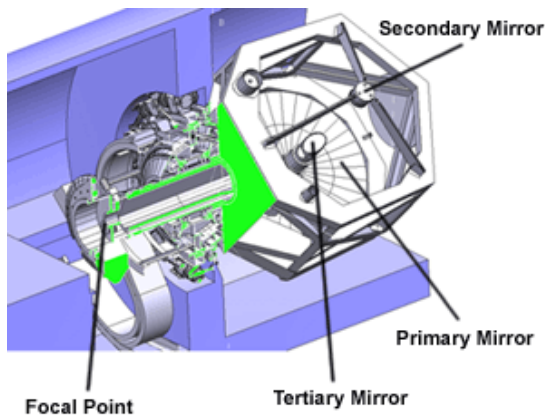
# Major Components of SOFIA



## Observatory



## Science Instruments



## Telescope Assembly

## Science and Mission Operations Center



## Aircraft Operations Center



# Background



- SOFIA was established as a 80/20 partnership between the U.S. (NASA) and Germany (DLR)
  - Original NASA/DLR MOU signed 1996
  - Germany supplied telescope assembly and other significant contributions
  - NASA supplied modified aircraft and Science Operations Center
  - NASA receives 80% of available science time, DLR 20%
- Initial program model was contractor led with NASA oversight (privatized)
- Overtime, a series of schedule slips, cost increases, contract issues and mishaps occurred



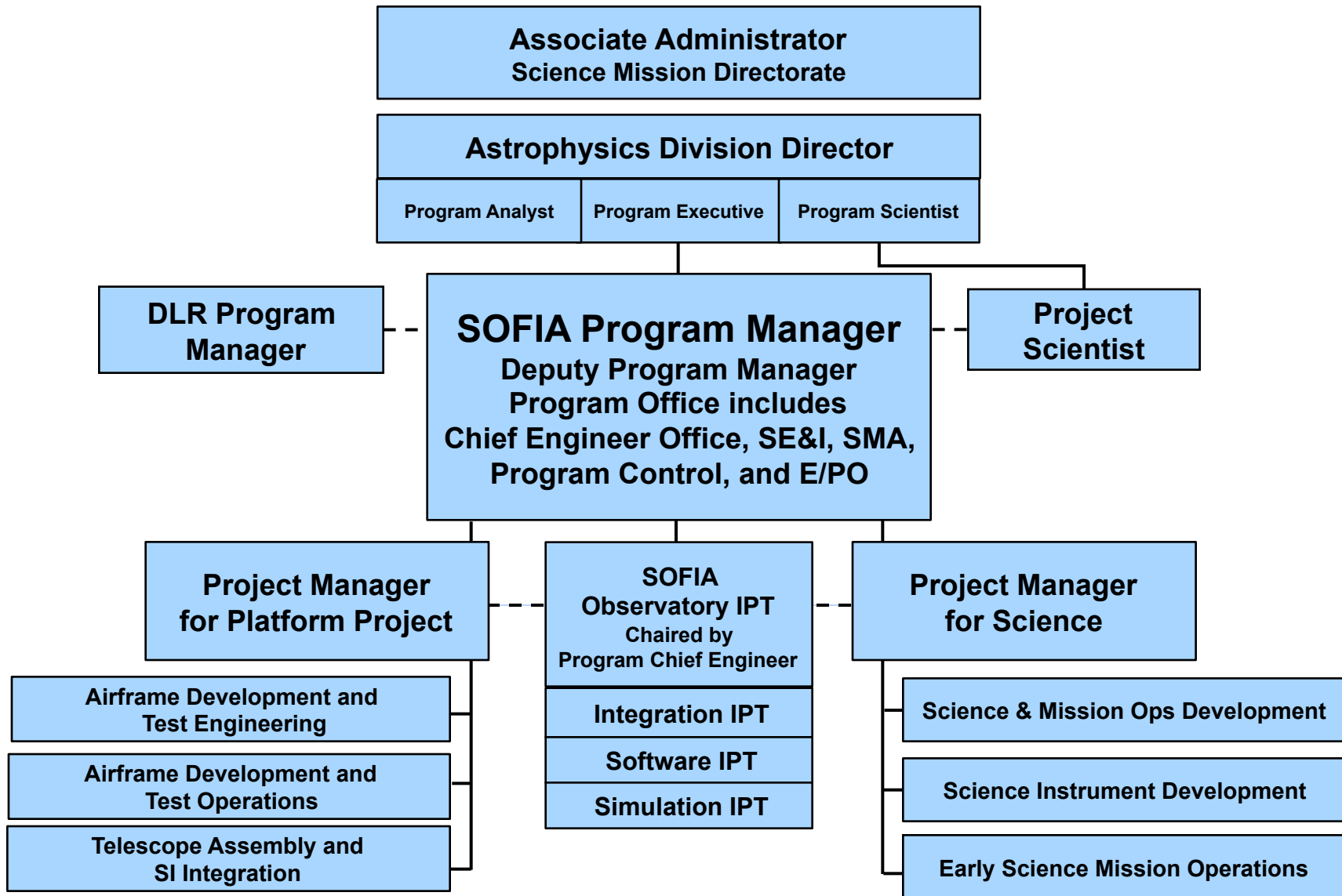
# Background



- NASA withheld funding and the Program was slated for cancellation in the spring of 2006
  - Members of Congress, Germans and the Science Community “pressured” NASA to continue Program
  - NASA commissioned an independent review team to consider options
- The Agency approved the Program for continued funding in the fall 2006
  - The Program was restructured:
    - Government led, contractor supported
    - Program management moved to Dryden
    - Two projects; Science and Platform



# SOFIA Program Organization During Development





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# **SOFIA SE&I Approach**

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# SOFIA Systems Engineering Transition

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- The new Program Office initiated an independent review of SOFIA Systems Engineering (Summer 2006)
- The SE&I Lead position was transferred to Dryden (Sept. 2006)
  - Reviewed SOFIA SE&I history & existing processes
  - Reviewed the SE&I independent assessment and recommendations
  - Completed additional assessments
- **Several significant issues with SE&I were identified**  
(See following pages)



# SOFIA SE&I Assessment



- System Requirements were lacking and fragmented
  - Needed government ownership and greater priority
  - Only a small percentage of Specifications had been baselined
  - The Interface Control Documents (ICDs) were not centrally managed (not clear who owned what)
- Program CM process was dysfunctional (over 100 documents were tied up in the old process)
  - A small group made all of the decisions creating a bottleneck
  - Hardware was being built to unapproved documents



## SOFIA SE&I Assessment (Cont.)



- Program had an immediate need for a formal Risk Management Process
  - New PM was working this informally because the previous system was unmanageable
- The amount of information already assembled for SOFIA was vast and users had difficulty finding things on the central Data Management System
  - Over 100,000 data records existed in hard and soft copy
  - Over 50,000 Telescope Assembly (TA) documents existed in the Data center only in hard copy and filed chronologically
  - Many documents were owned and managed by the Contractors using various document control processes



# SOFIA SE Lessons Learned

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**It is never too late to fix Systems Engineering (SE) deficiencies**



# SOFIA Program Systems Engineering Dilemma

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- The new Program Management faced a major dilemma with Systems Engineering:
  - Either stop and “fix” the Systems Engineering and Integration (SE&I) problems identified at the time of transition
- or
- Continue at risk and try to “rebuild” SE&I along the way
- Some consideration factors
  - Priority was to get the aircraft from Waco to Dryden and demonstrate progress after the threat of cancellation
  - The near-term challenges were not considered as difficult as the long-term challenges
  - The new Dryden team members were still coming up to speed on the SOFIA systems



# New Implementation Strategy for SE&I

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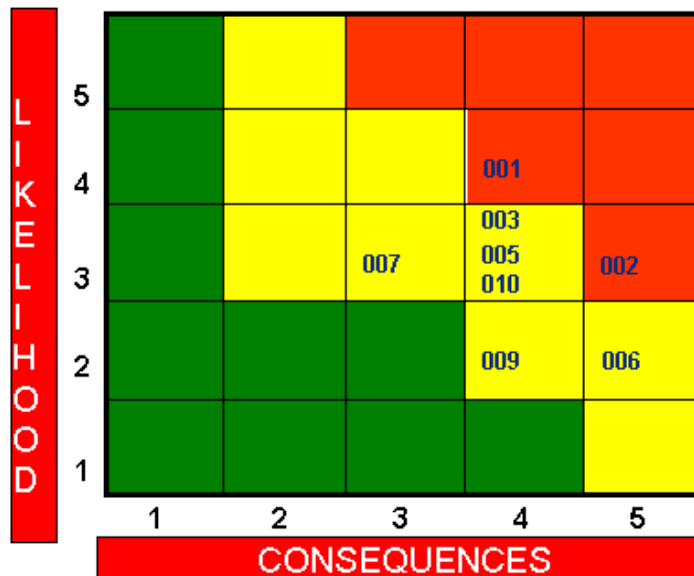
- The Program made the decision to **continue at risk** and “rebuild” SE&I as we go
- Risk mitigation decisions/activities
  - Phase the remaining development into increments which would give key SE activities a chance to catch-up
    - Add an “Early Science” Milestone to recapture schedule
    - Conduct both near-term and long-term SE activities simultaneously
  - Work more collaboratively between the stakeholders and developers to compensate for requirement gaps
    - Conduct a series of “delta” System Requirements Reviews focusing on near-term needs and requirements
    - Implement cross-Project Integrated Product Teams (IPTs)
  - Establish a new set of SE&I priorities and provide a dedicated staff to facilitate the rebuilding process



# The Use of Risk Management on SOFIA



- SOFIA distributed Program and Project level risks and made Risk Management an integrated but delegated management tool
- The SOFIA Program focused on the “top priority” risks and tracked a larger set of “threats” (potential risks)



Rank & Trend	LxC	Risk ID	Approach	Risk Title
➡ 1 (4x4)		SOF-RSK-001	M	MCC S Development
⬆ 2 (3x5)		SOF-RSK-002	M	Loss of Science Community and DLR Support, Due to Late Science
➡ 3 (3x4)		SOF-RSK-003	M	Cavity Door System Failure ( Loss of Science / TA Damage)
➡ 4 (3x4)		SOF-RSK-005	M	Lack of Requirements Definition (Systems Engineering)
➡ 5 (2x4)		SOF-RSK-010	W	Unacceptable Cavity Acoustics
➡ 6 (2x5)		SOF-RSK-008	M	Handling Damage to Primary Mirror
➡ 7 (3x3)		SOF-RSK-007	M	Schedule and Cost Growth, Due to Schedule Uncertainty
➡ 8 (2x4)		SOF-RSK-009	W	Limited Flight Envelope, Due to Technical Issues

Risk List from March 28, 2008

Criticality	L x C Trend	Approach
High	⬇ Decreasing (Improving)	M - Mitigate
Med	⬆ Increasing (Worsening)	W - Watch
Low	➡ Unchanged	A - Accept
	□ New Since Last Period	R - Research

**SOFIA identified the lack of Requirements Definition as a risk**



# SOFIA SE Lessons Learned

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**Breaking complex development activities into increments can improve the overall chance of success**

“Sometimes the questions are complicated and the answers are simple.”

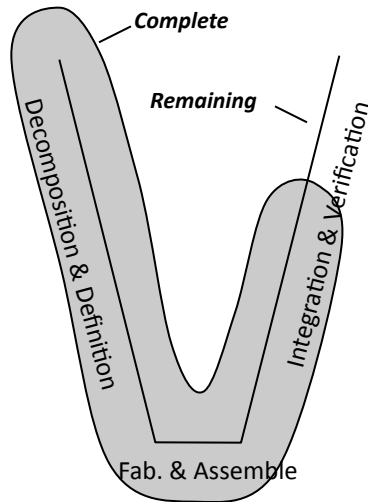
Dr. Seuss



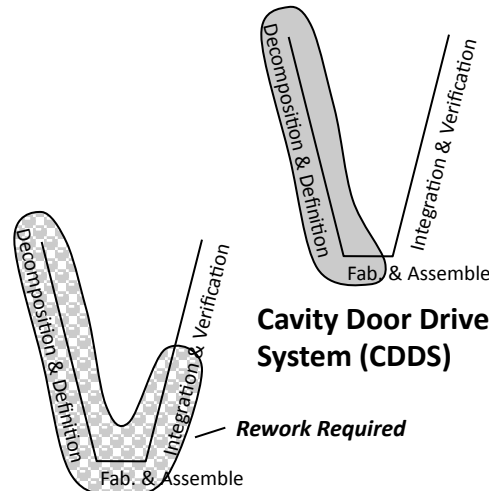
# New SOFIA Life Cycle: Incremental Development



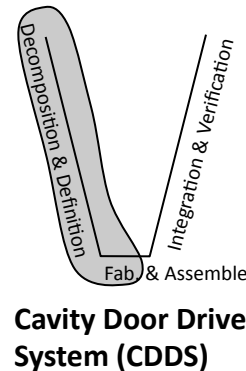
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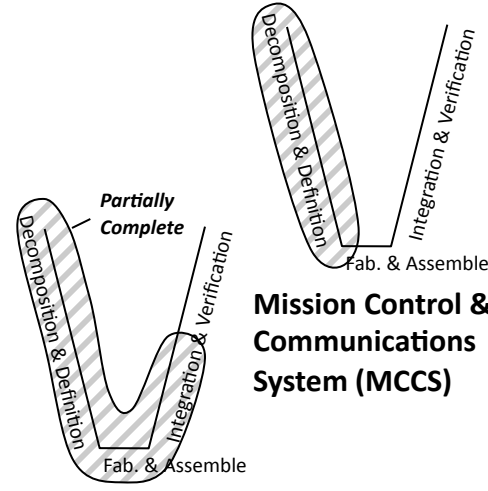
**A/C Modification  
Telescope Assembly**



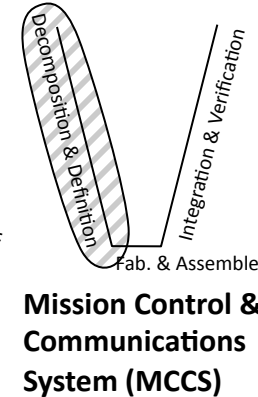
**Cavity Door System (CDS)**



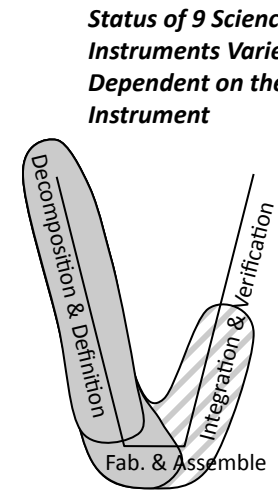
**Cavity Door Drive System (CDDS)**



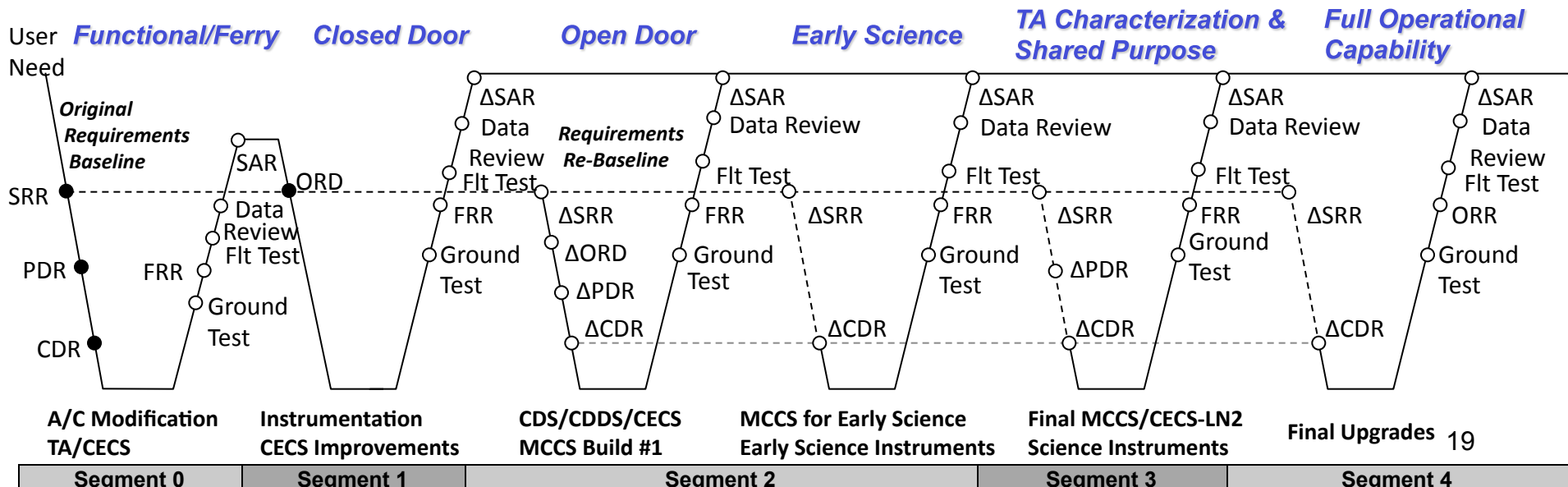
**Cavity Environmental Control  
System (CECS)**



**Mission Control &  
Communications  
System (MCCS)**



**Science Instruments (SI)**







# SOFIA SE Technical Priorities



- Organize and establish Systems Engineering leads and support teams for key SE tasks
  - Established a dedicated Requirements Manager (High Priority)
- Revise Program SE&I documents and processes
  - Risk Management
  - Configuration Management
  - IT Management
  - Data Management
- Develop a new Systems Engineering Management Plan (SEMP) to define technical process and requirements
  - Complies with NPR7123.1
- Establish Program Management Control Boards
  - PMB: Programmatic Control
  - OCCB: Observatory Control
- Establish a SOFIA Observatory-Level IPT (SOLIPT)
  - Addresses Observatory and “cross project” technical issues
- Establish a process to manage and track the status critical Program and technical documents





# SOFIA SE Lessons Learned

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**Management needs clear insight on  
the status of SE products**



# SOFIA Program SE&I Documentation Tracking Tool

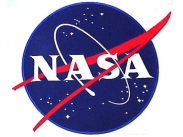


Status on **12/01/2007**

	General Program/Project Documentation	Science Project	Platform Project	SOFIA Program
1	Program/Project Plan	In Review	In Review	Baseline
2	Systems Eng. Management Plan (SEMP)			In Review
3	Configuration Management Plan (CMP)	In Development	Rev A	In Review
4	Risk Management Plan (RMP)			Baseline
5	Data Management Plan (DMP)			Outline
6	Safety and Mission Assurance Plan (SMA)	In Review		Baseline
7	Reliability & Maintainability Plan (R&M)			In Development
8	Software Management Plan	?	In Development	
9	Software Development Plan	?	?	
10	Software Assurance Plan	?	In Development	
11	IT Security Plan			In Development
12	Concept of Operations			In Development
13	Supplier Statement of Requirements (SSOR)		In Review	
14	Integrated Master Schedule (IMS)	Detailed Seg 2	Detailed Seg 2	Baseline w/HQ
15	Level 1 & 2 Milestones	Updating	Updating	Baseline
16	Flight Test Segment Definitions (Revision)			Segment 2 Rev A
17	Product Owners List			In Development
	Legend	Complete	Open, On-going	Impacts Schedule

- Illustrates a summary chart presented to SOFIA Management to track documentation progress

*See conclusion chart for more recent status*



## **SE must account for and tailor to various Center and cultural differences**

“Scientists investigate that which already is; engineers create that which has never been.”

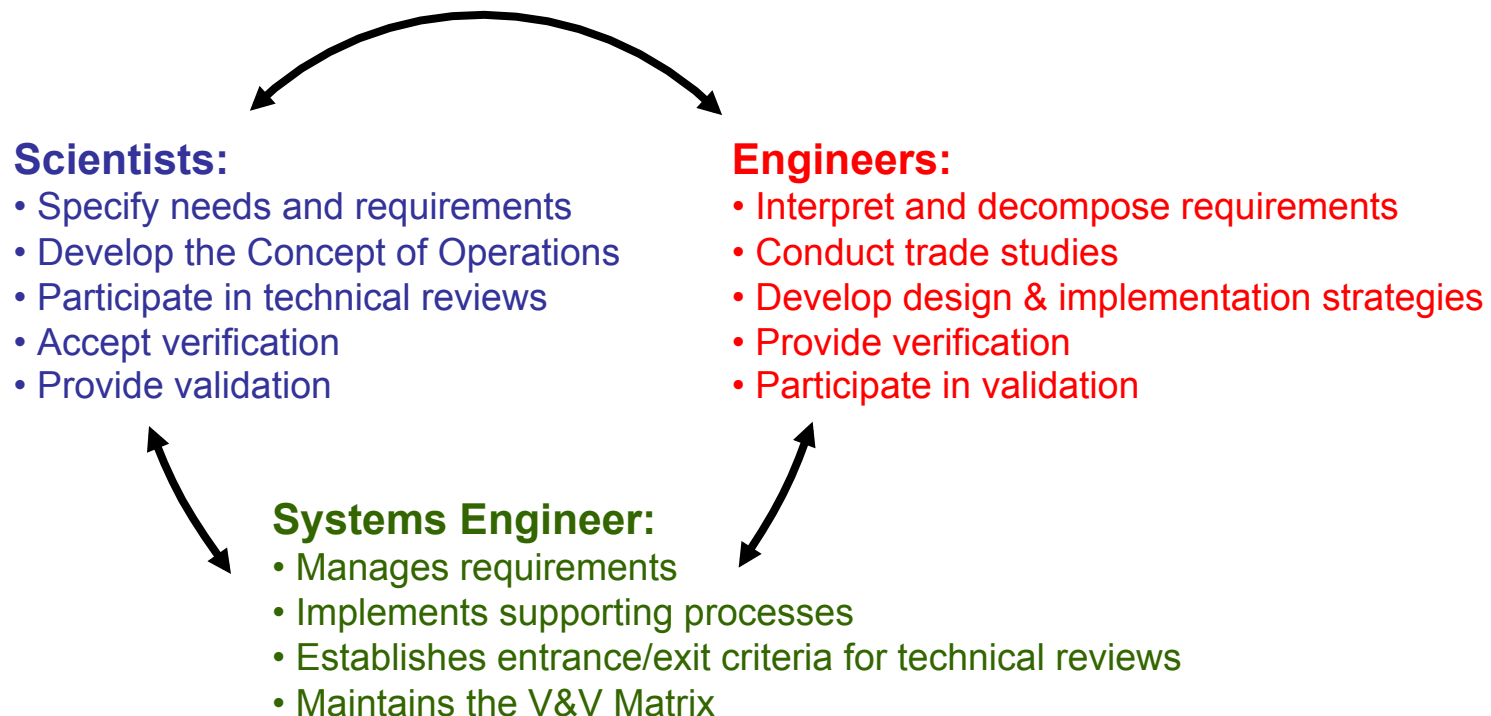
Albert Einstein



# The Relationship Between Engineers and Scientists



- Engineers and Scientists must have clear and distinct roles and responsibilities
- On SOFIA (during the development phase) the Scientist is the “customer” and the Engineer is the “implementer”
  - SE&I is often the interface





# SOFIA SE Lessons Learned

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## “Better is the enemy of good enough”

- Engineers want to know what are the minimum requirements so they can meet them
- Scientists want the best they can get with no constraints:  
“*Good enough is the enemy of the great*”



# Systems Engineering is an Optimization Process

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- Too little or too much SE causes problems
  - SE must be “value added”
- When addressing SE&I in the middle of a Program, there is never enough time, resources, and budget to complete all processes
  - SE priorities must be developed and documented but also must fit within the overall Program/Project priorities
- SOFIA used the Risk Management process to understand and accept the risks of “deliberately” leaving some things out due to schedule and budget realities



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# Requirements Management

Mike Brignola



## **Making the “Lack of Requirements Definition” a Program risk, is an effective way to highlight and address the problem**

- This allowed the Program Management to establish a long-term mitigation strategy to drive down the risk
- SOFIA Management made a long-term commitment to correcting requirements deficiencies



# Requirements Deficiency Risk Mitigating Actions

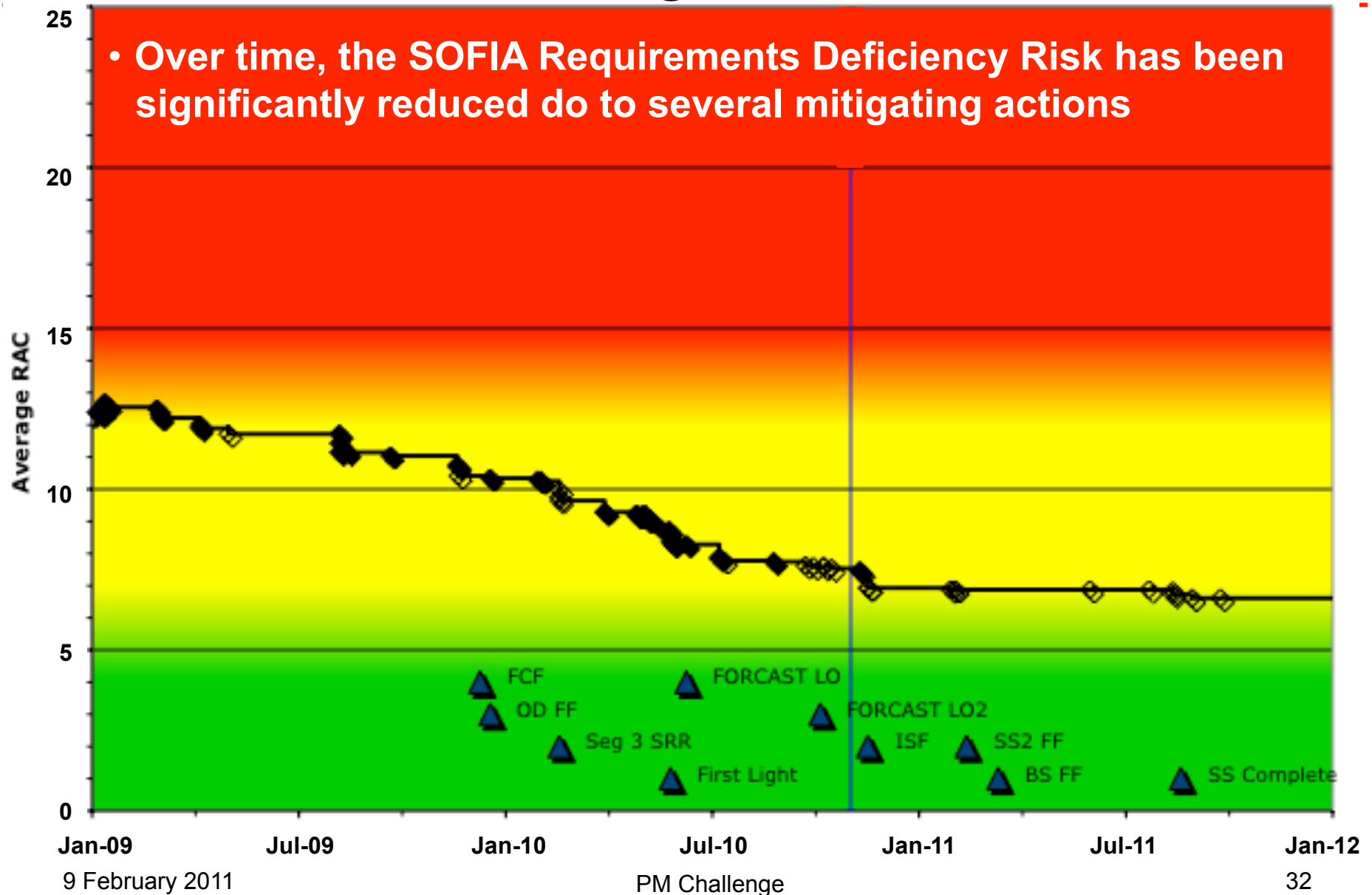
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1. Develop **SE plan and process** to audit, develop, and manage requirements. Implement early with adequate staff
  - Utilize Product/Specification Tree to facilitate communication
  - Utilize RM Database tool to manage 4000 requirements, trace and allocate
2. Establishing a NASA **Requirements Manager** with broad systems knowledge to bridge stovepipes
  - NASA is now managing and controlling the requirements
  - Keep management informed, elevate issues, status reporting
3. Establish frequent **technical interchange meetings** to ensure requirements definition and coordination
4. Prioritize and baseline **near-term requirements** for “Early Science”
5. Establish an Observatory **Integration IPT** to coordinate V&V planning and execution between the two projects, the science instrument teams, and the international partner
6. Complete Early Science Observatory **V&V Plan**
7. Complete **long-term requirements** for final SOFIA configuration (including ICDs, Specs, and Verification/Validation plans) (**On-going**)



# Requirements Deficiency Risk Mitigation Waterfall





# SOFIA SE Lessons Learned



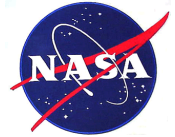
**Phasing system development has bought time to establish a significantly improved set of “final” requirements**

- Valuable experience was gained accomplishing the “Early Science” Phase that will greatly benefit the final SOFIA system design



# Benefits of Phasing Development on SOFIA Requirements

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- The “final” SOFIA system requirements will benefit from the knowledge gained during Early Science
  - The “near-term” requirements for meeting the “Early Science” goals were less stringent but still challenging
  - Several issues with requirements definitions had to be resolved for Early Science
    - Identified gaps and misunderstandings in requirements
  - SOFIA employed an “Agile Development” process (frequent iterations with collaborative feedback) to deal with these issues
    - Some degree of product rework was tolerated or procedural “work arounds” were employed to meet Customer expectations
  - The development team gained valuable experience
- Phasing allowed valuable time to refine the Product Tree and systematically review “final” requirements



# SOFIA SE Lessons Learned



**It takes time to become knowledgeable enough of complex systems to effectively develop “good” requirements**

- It took the new Program team a significant period of time to become proficient with the complex SOFIA systems
  - This knowledge is critical to being effective at requirement decomposing and establishing good traceability



# SOFIA SE Lessons Learned

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**Having a comprehensive specification/product tree (and ICD list) is critical to system integration**

- At transition, SOFIA had to deal with new “observatory-level” requirements that were inserted to address missing overall system performance values

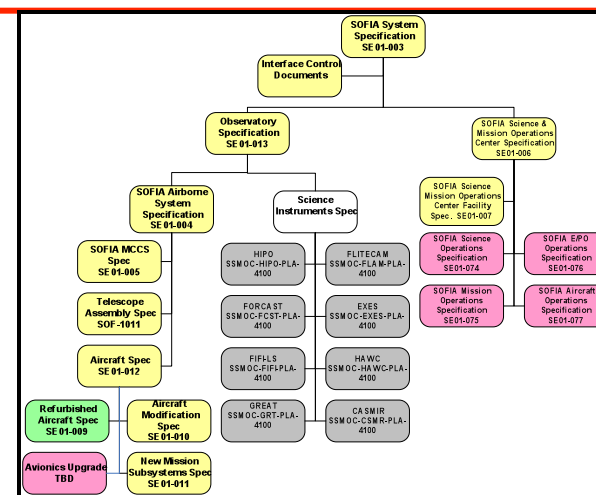
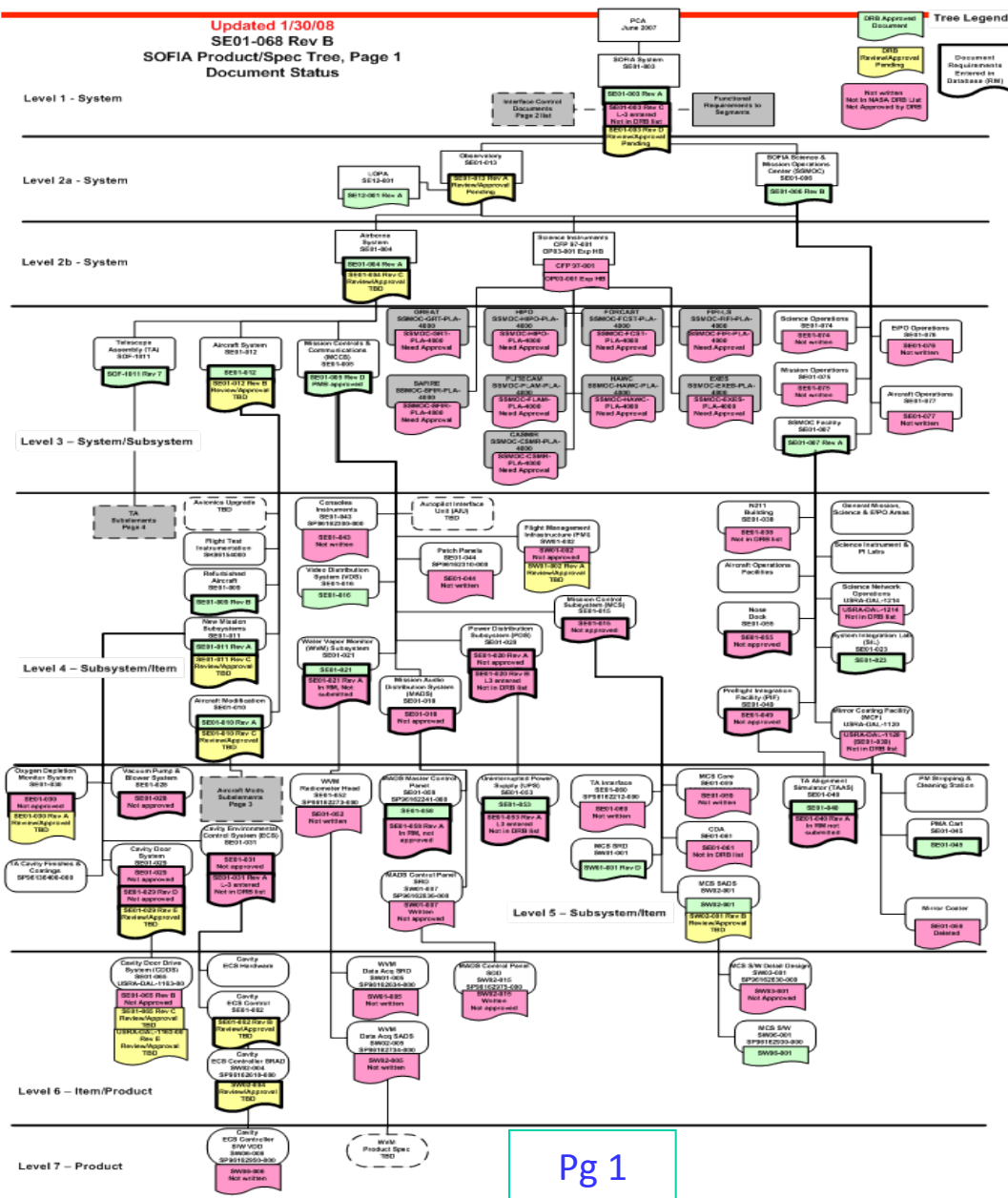


# SOFIA Spec Tree

## Rev B 2008 Baseline



Updated 1/30/08  
SE01-068 Rev B  
SOFIA Product/Spec Tree, Page 1  
Document Status



Compare to May 2007  
Original Spec Tree Rev A

**Summer 2007 goal - top 4 specs approval**

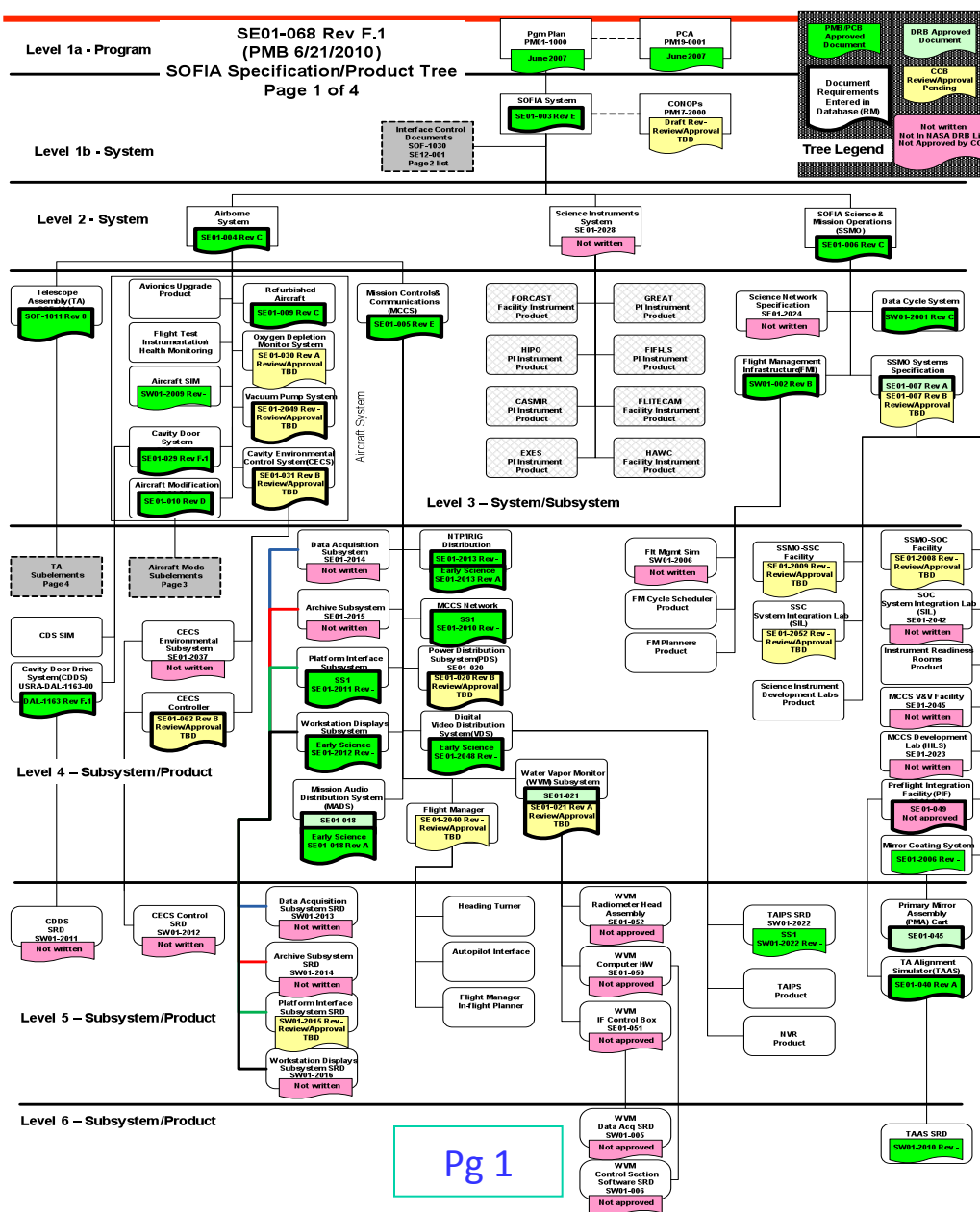
SE01-003 (SOFIA), SE01-013 (Observatory), SE01-004 (Aircraft), SE01-005 (MCCS)

✓ Top 4 specs have been program reviewed through delta SRR, MCCS Redesign, SOLIPT, SE&I and Program assessments

Yellow – Revision in work

Red – Not written or not approved

Green - Approved



**Between Jul 2007 & Dec 2010:**  
**Program + SE&I reviewed 30**  
**Specification Documents,**  
**containing over 3000 requirements**

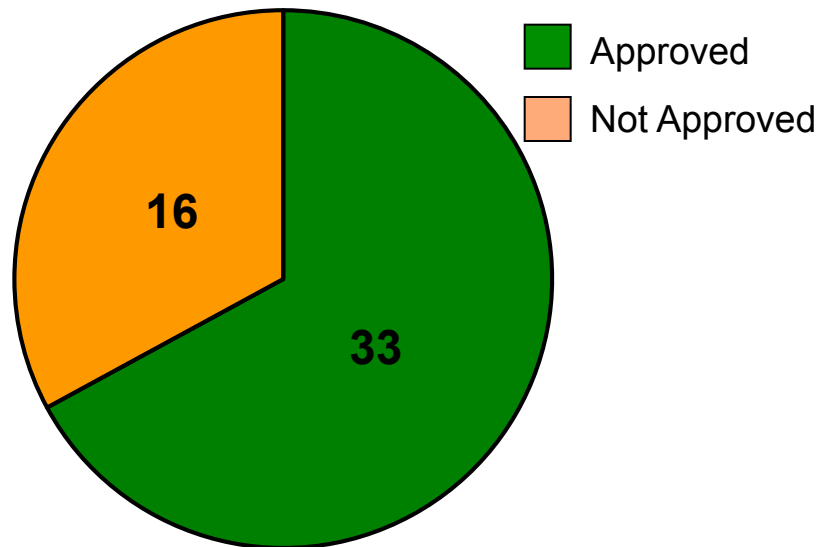
*Forums: Delta SRRs, Design Reviews,  
 IPTs, SE&I, and system assessments*



# SOFIA Interface Control Document Status History



ICDs July 2007

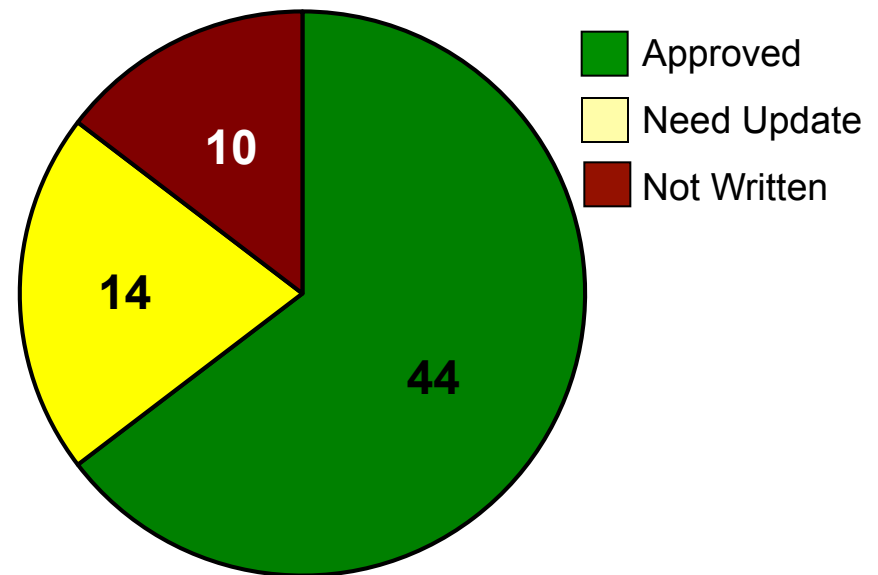


49 Total ICD's

## Summer 2007 goal:

- Identify and list all SOFIA ICDs
- Establish initial status and ownership

ICDs Dec 2010



68 Total ICD's

## Between Jul 2007 & Dec 2010:

- Several new ICDs identified
- Several key ICDs completed or updated



# Requirements Management Challenges

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- Availability of key personnel and conflicting priorities
  - Planners = owners = implementers = testers (all the same person)
- Requirements creep due to lack of complete/baselined requirements or well defined interfaces
- Traceability of design requirements completion status to V&V test plans/results
  - Lack of overarching program guidance and integrated test plans (No program integration office)
- Although SOFIA has made a significant amount of progress, a lot remains to get done
  - Delta system level SRRs are on-going
  - Striving for more formality in Segment 3 (final build)



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# Configuration Management, Data Management and Related Topics

Laura Fobel



# SOFIA SE Lessons Learned

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**To improve CM process efficiency,  
delegate CM responsibilities to the  
lowest level possible**



# The Delegation of Configuration Management (CM) Authority

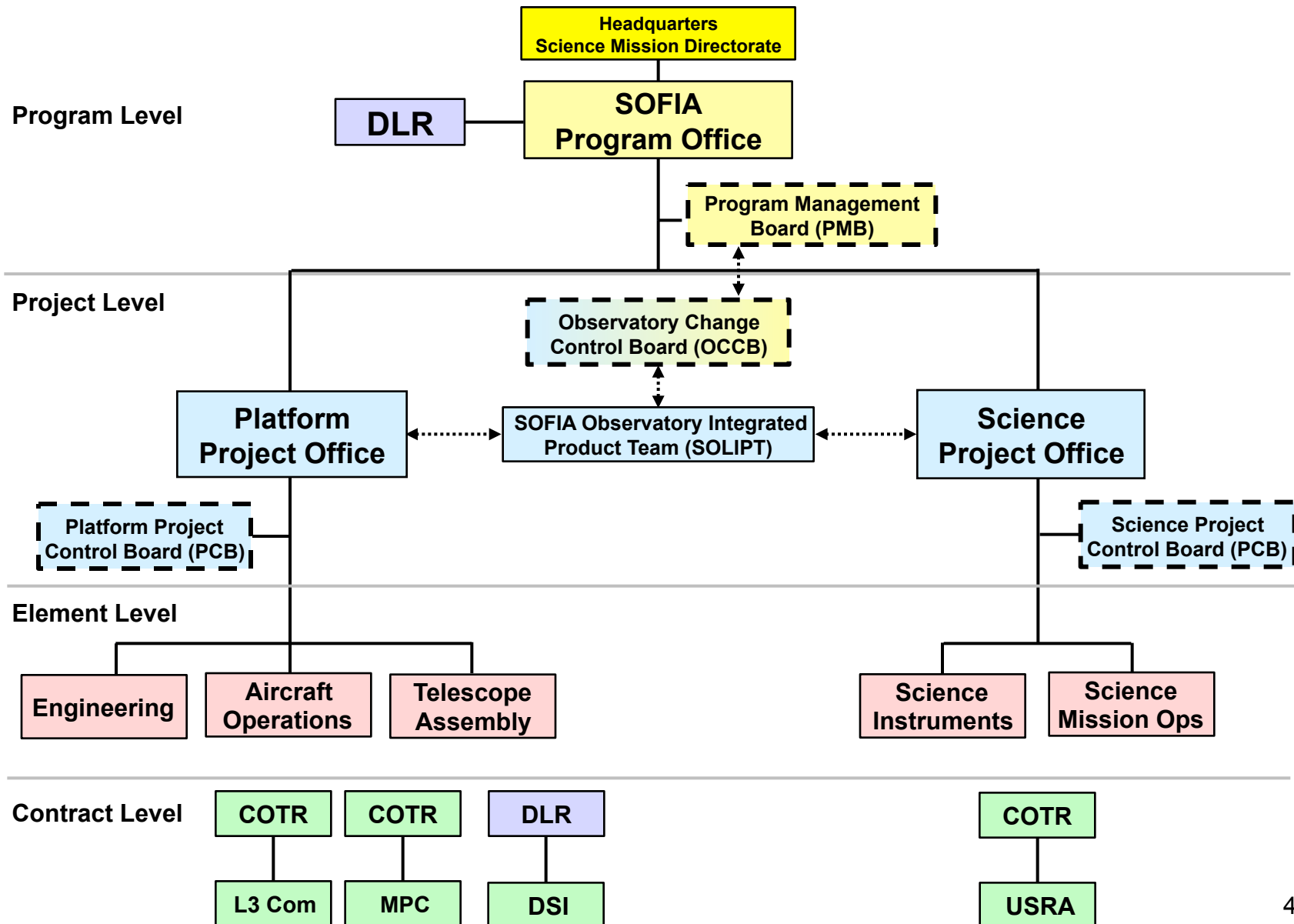
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- SOFIA developed a hierarchy of CM Boards to drive CM authority down to the lowest appropriate level
  - Improves efficiency by distributing the work load
  - CM hierarchy parallels the product hierarchy
- Over time SOFIA's CM needs changed
  - Initially a single CM Board may have made sense on SOFIA
  - As development work expanded and system complexity grew, a more distributed CM process was needed
- SOFIA established a separate Control Board to manage the "Observatory" configuration
  - Includes Program, Platform and Science Project members
  - Focuses on configuration management of the "integrated system" and related discrepancies



# The Delegation of CM Authority on SOFIA





## **Informal collaboration with contractors improves the probability of success of formal deliverables**

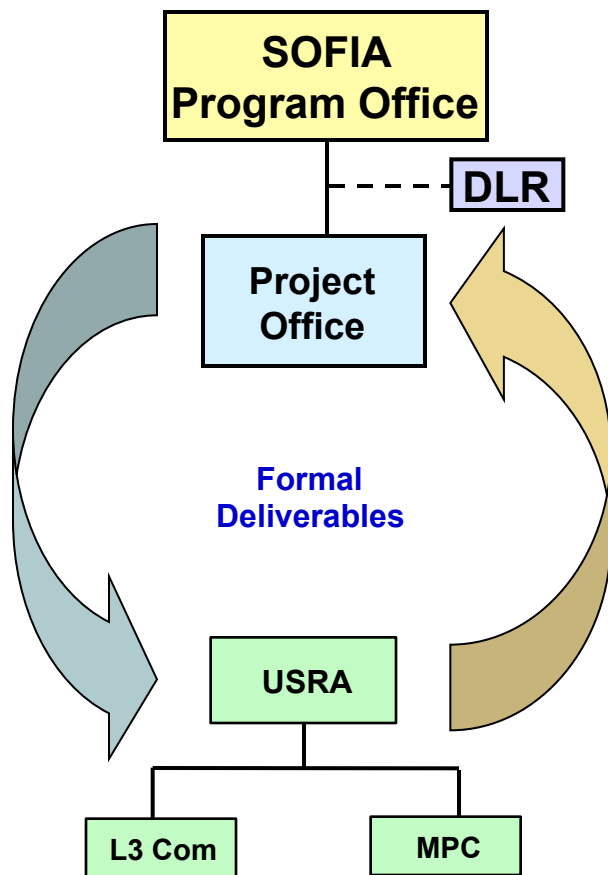
- The distributed CM process facilitated more collaboration with contractors



# Informal Collaboration Improves Probability of Success

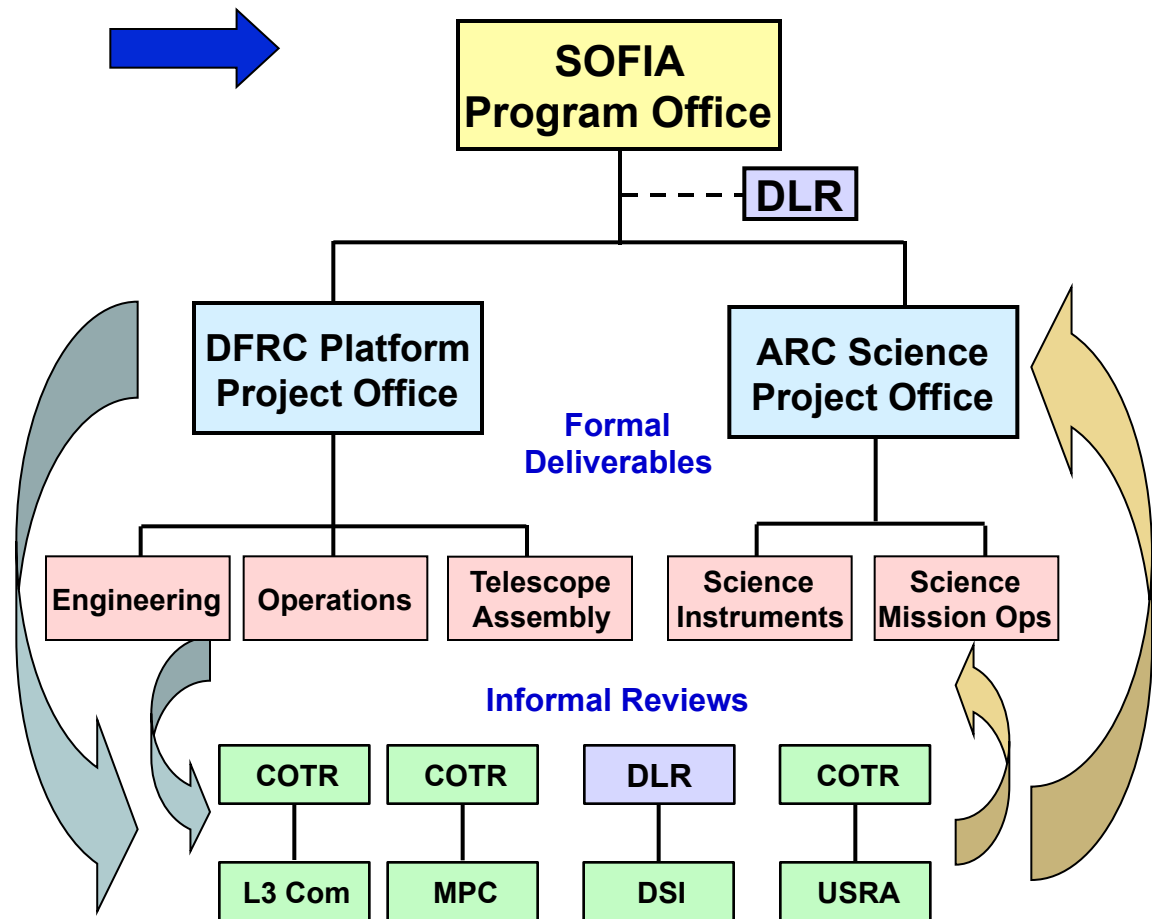


Shift From Contractor Run / Government Oversight  
To Government Lead / Subcontractor Relationship



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# The Value of Informal Collaboration

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- Too much back-and-forth over the fence is inefficient
  - A significant amount of rework occurred when not enough informal collaboration occurred with the contractors
- It's important to establish a cooperative environment with contractors
  - SOFIA applied an “agile development” process by allowing informal software builds to be delivered early in the development process to flush-out problems prior to formal deliveries
    - Collaboration occurred at the lower levels and included stakeholders
    - Deliverables still went through the formal acceptance process to be baselined



# SOFIA SE Lessons Learned

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**On SOFIA it was beneficial to have a problem reporting process that spanned informal development activities and formal acceptance testing**



# The Value of Problem Reporting and Discrepancy Resolution

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- By establishing a Problem Reporting system early (during informal software testing) issues were identified and resolved sooner (prior to formal delivery)
  - Allowed customers to capture issues and collaborate with developers to understand and refine formal requirements
  - Supported the “Agile Development” process
- The Observatory-level control board allowed cross-Project issues to be identified and resolved jointly
  - Chaired by the Program Chief Engineer
    - Provided independent authority
  - Established priorities and assignments to Projects for resolving integration issues
  - Facilitated communication of issues and their resolution



# SOFIA SE Lessons Learned

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## **The lack of a carefully designed Data Management systems hinders effective communication and collaboration**

- SOFIA team members had a difficult time finding the information they needed
  - Old and obsolete data mixed with relevant data contributed to the problem



# SOFIA Data Management Improvements

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- Established a central repository to improve control and management of the data originating from various sources
  - Reorganized the data and archived obsolete documents
- Defined data attributes for each document
  - Product ID
  - Document number
  - Data retention
  - Export control
  - Owner
  - CM authority
  - Descriptive search keywords
- Considered Configuration Management, Data Management, Export Control, Records Retention, and Data Access as part of one integrated process



# SO FIA Sample Records Retention Schedule



(SOF-1017 Category) Record Type	NPR 1441.D Schedule - Item Number	Windchill - Record Retention Number	Records (NPR 1441.1D defined or SOFIA defined)	Records Location	Retention Authority
<01> Program and Project Management (PM)					
Management Plans	Sch.8 - 101	01-S8-101.1	Program Plan; Project Plan; Systems Engineering Management Plan (SEMP); Configuration Management Plan; Manufacturing and Assembly Plans; Parameter Control; Electromagnetic Interference and Compatibility Control; Fracture Control/Damage Tolerance; Support Equipment; Education and Public Outreach; Continuous Improvement/Preplanned Product Improvement; Observatory Certification; SOFIA Observatory Integration Plan; System and Subsystem Integration Plans; Aircraft System Flight Test; SOFIA Observatory Ground Test; SOFIA Observatory Flight Test; SOFIA Science and Mission Operations; SOFIA Science and Mission Operations; New Technology Reporting; Training Plans; Software Management Plans; Software Development Plans; Safety, Reliability and Mission Assurance Plans; Environmental, Safety and Health Plan, Integrated Logistics Support Plans; Data Management Plan; Mission Statements; Operations Concept	Held at office of record (ARC: N211-Room 320)	101 - Permanent Record. 3-year blocks cutoff for long term programs. Can transfer to National Archives 7 years after cutoff.
Agreements, Understandings and Approvals	Sch.8 - 101	01-S8-101.2	Partnering Agreements; Memorandums of Understanding; Memorandums of Agreements; Program Commitments; Authorization/Approval Documents		
Schedules	Sch.8 - 101	01-S8-101.3	Program Milestones; Project Milestones; Schedules; Integrated Master Schedule		
Budget and Finance	Sch.8 - 101	01-S8-101.4	Work Breakdown Structure and Dictionary; Budget and Cost Data; Estimates of budget and schedule options		
Configuration Management	Sch.8 - 101	01-S8-101.5	Configuration Management Board (CCB) Agendas, Minutes and Review Material; Configuration Change Requests; Discrepancy Reports; System Test Reports; Waivers		
Risk Management	Sch.8 - 103	01-S8-103.6	Risk Management Board (RMB) Agendas, Minutes and Review Material; Risk Lists		



# Sample SOFIA Document Attributes



Attributes (12 total objects)	
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ExportControl	Not Reviewed for Export Control
LibraryAttribute	PMB approval
OrgOwner	SOF-DA-
Product	
RecordRetention	03-S8-103.3
References	064245070.000

File attributes facilitate Data Management, Export Control, Access Control and Records Retention processes.

- Data Management (Document Name): SOF-DA-ICD-SE03-002
- Export Control/Access Control: "Not Reviewed for Export Control"
- Records Retention: Date (2003-03-28) and Records Retention Schedule reference (03-S8-103.3)



# SOFIA CM and DM Remaining Challenges

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- Establishing ownership and control of all SOFIA documents and drawings
  - Contractors still own important information like “models”
- Shortcomings of the Data Management System
  - Search engine and user interface complexity
  - User familiarity
  - Data access by Foreign Nationals
- Catching up with Export Control and Records Retention attribute labeling



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## **SOFIA SE&I Summary**

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## **Management must set the cultural tone for the importance of SE on a Program/Project**

- The commitment the SOFIA Management Team has made to SE has helped turn around the once “troubled” Program



# SOFIA Program Documentation

## Status as of: 12/03/2010



	General Program/Project Documentation	Science Project	Platform Project	SOFIA Program
1	Program/Project Plan	Baseline	Baseline	Baseline/Rev
2	Systems Eng. Management Plan (SEMP)			Rev A
3	Configuration Management Plan (CMP)	Baseline	Rev A/Updating	Rev 3/Rev
4	Risk Management Plan (RMP)			Rev B
5	IT Management Plan			In Review
6	Data Management Plan (DMP)	Baseline		Baseline
7	Export Control Plan			85%/Dec
8	Safety and Mission Assurance Plan (SMA)	Rev B		Baseline
9	System Safety Plan		Baseline	Baseline
10	Reliability & Maintainability Plan (R&M)			In Review
11	Mishap Response Plan			Rev A
12	Quality Assurance Plan		Baseline	
13	Software Development Plan		Baseline	
14	Software Management Plan	Rev A		
15	Software Assurance Plan	Baseline	Baseline	
16	Platform Project IT Security Plan		Baseline	
17	Concept of Operations			In Work
19	Work Breakdown Structure (WBS)			Rev B
20	Lexicon (SOFIA glossary)			Rev 6.6
21	Supplier Statement of Requirements (SSOR)		Baseline	
22	Integrated Master Schedule (IMS)	New Baseline	New Baseline	New Baseline
23	Level 1 & 2 Milestones	New Baseline	New Baseline	Rev E
25	Risk List	Baseline	Baseline	Rev H
	Legend	Complete	Open, On-going	In Review
		New/Change Status	Program Issue	Impacts Schedule

# SOFIA First Light Image

May 16<sup>th</sup> 2010

SOFIA infrared image  
(5.4, 24, and 37  $\mu\text{m}$ )



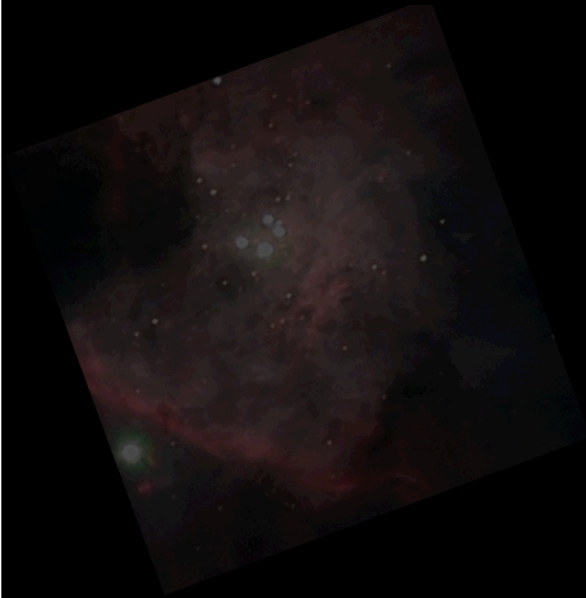
Visible light image



- SOFIA is beginning to produce outstanding science data at a fraction of the cost of comparable space based observatories

# SOFIA First Science Image

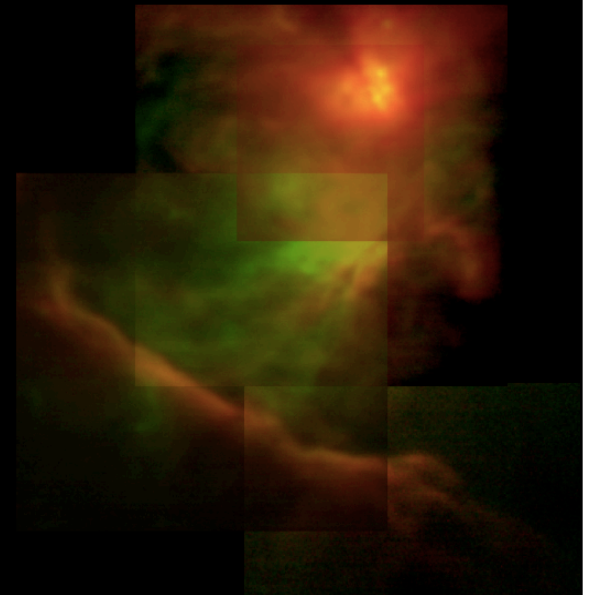
Dec 1<sup>st</sup> 2010



Visible light  
(ground-based)



Near infrared (ESO VLT)



SOFIA (FORCAST)

- Image of the Orion star-formation region obtained by SOFIA compared to images obtained from ground-based telescopes

## Concluding Message

- **After almost being cancelled and a major Program structure change, the SOFIA Program operated at Risk with known Systems Engineering deficiencies**
- **Several important strategies were employed to mitigate the risk**
  - Established a new incremental life-cycle to complete system development
  - Worked more collaboratively
  - Systematically rebuilt SE&I along the way
    - Provided adequate staffing and priority
  - Made correcting requirements deficiencies a high-priority
  - Distributed CM authority
  - Tracked and status SE Progress
- **SOFIA has used Risk Management effectively to compensate for Systems Engineering deficiencies**



# Summary of SE Lessons Learned

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- **It is never too late to fix Systems Engineering (SE) deficiencies**
- **Breaking complex development activities into increments can improve the overall chance of success**
- **Management needs clear insight on the status of SE products**
- **SE must account for and tailor to various Center and cultural differences**
- **“Better is the enemy of good enough”**



# Summary of SE Lessons Learned

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- **Making the “Lack of Requirements Definition” a Program risk, is an effective way to highlight and address the problem**
- **Phasing system development has bought time to establish a significantly improved set of “final” requirements**
- **It takes time to become knowledgeable enough of complex systems to effectively develop “good” requirements**
- **Having a comprehensive specification/product tree (and ICD list) is critical to system integration**



# Summary of SE Lessons Learned

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- To improve CM process efficiency, delegate CM responsibilities to the lowest level possible
- Informal collaboration with contractors improves the probability of success of formal deliverables
- On SOFIA it was beneficial to have a problem reporting process that spanned informal development activities and formal acceptance testing
- The lack of a carefully designed Data Management systems hinders effective communication and collaboration
- Management must set the cultural tone for the importance of SE on a Program/Project